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## THE BIG CIA SCANDAL GROWING.

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Senator William FULBRIGHT asked the introduction of a Congressional facts-finding committee to investigate the activity of CIA among students and other groups. The Democrat Senator from Arkansas <sup>extent</sup> stated that the ~~size~~ of the activity of CIA "is much bigger than I ever imagined it to be. I knew that it resorted to certain of these activities, but I never knew its activity was so widespread."

FULBRIGHT also said that President JOHNSON's proposal for the setup of a three-member committee to "review" CIA policy "does not seem to be the best measure for this." The chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee observed further that one of the members of this committee is also CIA head Richard HELMS. "I must say - added FULBRIGHT - that it is a little strange for one to ask from Mr. HELMS to investigate CIA. It would be like asking Mr. FOWLER (Treasury Secretary) to investigate affairs of Fort Knox."

### THE NEWSPAPER GUILD

Meanwhile officials of the American Newspaper Guild, which belongs to the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), are still checking to determine if the Guild received money from CIA for its international affairs program. This program, say Guild officials, "consist<sup>it</sup> mainly in the organization of seminars on journalism and syndicalism, production and distribution

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of related publications and aid grant to personnel to carry out these activities." Guild revenues from subscriptions were not at all used for this program - it was added. It was added that the Guild, a union representing newspaper employees and employees of related branches, "had never used its international affairs program as a step to convey anything else but its guild message."

#### SEVERE RELATIONS

The Newspaper Guild says that if it confirms that it received money from CIA "it will terminate at once its relations with any organization ~~is~~ find~~ing~~ connected with CIA."

Meanwhile there are reports that a Candian student organization may have gotten money from CIA. The Canadian Broadcasting Company reported that the Candian Students Union got 1500 dollars in 1965 and in 1966 to set up student seminars under the Youth and Student Affairs ~~CPYRGHT~~ Foundation located in New York

#### SUBSIDY OF YOUTH FESTIVAL IN EASTERN EUROPE.

Washington, February. Officials of American espionage organizations have not at all regretted for their acts after the furor which broke out after the discovery that CIA was subsidizing the National Student Union as well as a dozen other academic and international organizations.

The 73-year old "father of CIA," Allen DULLES, who withdrew in 1961 after the Cuban fiasco, admitted willingly that he knew about all this. "Did we have to leave the whole field to the Russians?" he commented animatedly. He remembers that in the first postwar years large sums began to be spent for the student "fronts." The fronts organized youth festivals in Eastern Europe and were subsidizing delegations from all corners of the globe and especially from the new countries of Africa and Asia.

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"These were happening - he said - when the coldwar was a real war."

The overseas trip for young Americans to these youth festivals was a very expensive <sup>matter</sup> ~~case~~. Thus there was danger that the American viewpoint would not reach these. "If we had sat back and done nothing where would we be today?" asked DULLES. "I believe that everything we did was worth the trouble. If we overthrew the Communists and forced them to become softer and more willing for living together, this is due to the fact that we stopped them in certain areas. And one of these is also the students area."

DULLES noted that in that period Presidents TRUMAN and EISENHOWER had realized how serious was the Soviet pressure against the Western world. "Then we had the Truman doctrine for the salvation of Greece and Turkey and the Marshal Plan for the restoration of Europe." CPYRGHT

Other CIA officials admit that "it would have been unquestionably better" if means had been found to confront the matter, that is, if the costs for the trips of student delegations had been covered by other agencies. They themselves give the example of the British Council and the British Information Service, who subsidize student visits to Britain and similar cultural activities, without causing public disapproval.

Meanwhile, the president of the National Student Association and student of Harvard, Sam BROWN, announced the "permanent suspension" of the "evil" relationships of the organization with its secret donors. BROWN asked that the government ask for an "open pardon" for the "moral trap in which young men with great integrity were placed in as a result of the covert activities of CIA."

he further revealed that while CIA did not try to exert direct control over the largest student association of America, it had threatened its members with "imprisonment up to 20 years" if they disclosed secrets. But while he insisted that the majority of the association members were not guilty of espionage in the ordinary sense of the word, he added that "a few sly ones collected valuable information and reported this to CIA officials." And with the word "sly" he means young men who knew that they were agents. In any case, he was finally forced to admit that the most diabolical kind of information which the young people of the National Student Association were called upon to give was information allowing the political assessment of student movement leaders in other countries.

#### WE LET THEM DISCOVER US

This perhaps explains why CIA officials are calm. President JOHNSON <sup>CPYRGHT</sup> ordered a check of all the activities of the organization which are connected with student activity and other academic organizations. CIA critics in Congress are talking about the damage caused to the "idol" of the country abroad, but CIA officials admit that their only mistake is that they let themselves be caught.

In any case, now much bigger disclosures are expected in connection with CIA's interference in the labor movement. Victor REUTHER, international relations director of the powerful Auto Workers Union, under the presidency of his brother Walter REUTHER, stated: "The case is much more serious in the instance of financial and other ties of CIA with the AFL-CIO," which is the General Federation of Workers of the USA.

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